

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An article appeared in the "Parade" magazine (the magazine contained in various Sunday newspapers in the country) to the effect that two prominent New Orleans businessmen reportedly contributed \$25,000 to intermediaries to arrange for James Earl Ray to murder Martin Luther King, Jr. We do not have any information to this same effect.

The magazine lists the Editor-at-Large as Lloyd Shearer and the office of "Parade" magazine is listed at 733 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

Bureau indices indicate that Bureau has had cordial relations with "Parade" magazine although its Washington Bureau is held at arms length since it is staffed by Jack Anderson and Fred Blumenthal. The president of "Parade" magazine, Arthur H. Motley, is on the Special Correspondents list

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Bureau records further indicate that Lloyd Shearer has requested on two occasions to be placed on the mailing list to receive the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and on each instance, this was denied. In 1947, Shearer was interviewed by a Special Agent in connection with an investigation. In the preliminary conversation, Shearer stated that the Director of the FBI was a "SOB." The Agent asked Shearer for an explanation of the comment and he backed down somewhat and he explained that this was a typical phrase used in his position writing stories for the screen. He also contacted the Bureau regarding the Bureau's cooperation in furnishing material for articles that he was writing, and again he was advised that the Bureau could not cooperate in this matter.

Our files contain no information concerning Shearer beyond September of 1963.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum
RE: MURKIN

ACTION: If approved, the attached will be sent to the New York Office instructing them to interview Lloyd Shearer concerning this allegation and for any information he may have of a similar nature. New York is being instructed that if any reasons exist which would preclude the interview with Shearer, the Bureau should be advised.

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